

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The gas supply unit according to claim 1, A gas supply unit for supplying gas to two or more fluid control devices, comprising:~~

~~a piping block which connects the fluid control devices with each other to constitute a part of the gas supply unit; and~~

~~a filter block including a filter element, the filter block being connected between the fluid control device and the piping block,~~

~~wherein the filter block is capable of being connected in an upside-down state with the fluid control device.~~

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The gas supply unit according to claim 1, wherein claim 3, wherein the fluid control device to be connected with the filter block is any one of a hand valve, a regulator, a pressure transducer, and a cutoff valve.~~

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The gas supply unit according to claim 5, A gas supply unit for supplying gas to two or more fluid control devices, comprising:~~

~~a piping block which connects the fluid control devices with each other to constitute a part of the gas supply unit; and~~

~~a filter block including a filter element, the filter block being connected between the fluid control device and the piping block and provided with a passage which provides communication between the fluid control device and the piping block, and the filter element being placed in the passage,~~

_____ wherein the filter block is capable of being connected in an upside-down state with the fluid control device.

8. (Currently Amended) The gas supply unit according to claim 5, wherein claim 7, wherein the filter block is formed with a filter chamber in a part of the passage and the filter element is built in the filter chamber.

9. (Currently Amended) The gas supply unit according to claim 5, wherein claim 7, wherein the fluid control device to be connected with the filter block is any one of a hand valve, a regulator, a pressure transducer, and a cutoff valve.

10. (New) A gas supply unit for supplying gas to two or more fluid control devices, comprising:

a piping block which connects the fluid control devices with each other to constitute a part of the gas supply unit; and

a filter block including a filter element, the filter block being connected between the fluid control device and the piping block,

wherein the filter block comprises:

a filter chamber in which the filter element is placed;

a first port and a second port which are formed on an upper surface and connected to an inlet port and an outlet port, respectively, of one of the fluid control devices; and

a third port and a fourth port which are formed on a lower surface and connected to ports of the piping block, and

the first port and the third port communicating with each other through the filter element in the filter chamber, and the second port and the fourth port communicating with each other outside the filter chamber.

11. (New) The gas supply unit according to claim 10, wherein the third port is formed just below the first port, and the fourth port is formed just below the second port.

12. (New) A gas supply unit for supplying gas to two or more fluid control devices, including:

a plurality of piping blocks which connects the fluid control devices with each other to constitute a part of the gas supply unit; and

a filter block including a filter element, the filter block being connected between the fluid control device and the plurality of piping blocks,

wherein the filter block is placed over two of the piping blocks when one of the fluid control devices is mounted on the filter block.